

WATERFORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
12420 BENTLEY STREET
P.O. BOX 270
WATERFORD, CA 95386
(209) 874-1809

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Trustees of the Waterford Unified School District, County of Stanislaus, State of California, will receive bids up to, but no later than 10:00 a.m., on November 28, 2005 in the Business Office, 12420 Bentley Street, Waterford, CA for the following:

ONE (or more) NEW 84 PASSENGER REAR ENGINE TRANSIT DIESEL SCHOOL BUS

ONE (or more) NEW 62 PASSENGER REAR ENGINE TRANSIT DIESEL SCHOOL BUS

ONE (or more) NEW 39 PASSENGER FRONT ENGINE TRANSIT DIESEL SCHOOL BUS

ONE (or more) NEW 54 PASSENGER CONVENTIONAL SCHOOL BUS

ONE (or more) NEW 25 PASSENGER TYPE A1 DIESEL SCHOOL BUS

ONE (or more) NEW 22 PASSENGER TYPE A1 DIESEL SCHOOL BUS

All bids shall be made on bid forms furnished by the District, and each bid must conform and be responsive to the contract documents. Bid and appropriate documents can be obtained in person at the Business Office between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Pursuant to Public Contract code Sections 20118 and 20652, the Bidder may allow other public agencies in the State of California to purchase equipment and supplies under the same terms and conditions. (Including, but not limited to Orange, San Diego, Riverside, Los Angeles, Fresno, Monterey and Santa Barbara counties.)

The Governing Board of Trustees of the Waterford Unified School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids received in whole or part, to waive any irregularities in the bids or bidding, and to be the sole judges of suitability of products offered.

SIGNED _____

Waterford Unified School District

Publication Dates:
November 15, 2005
November 22, 2005

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GENERAL CONDITIONS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND INSTRUCTIONS

General Conditions and Specifications governing purposed purchase of one (1) or more
School Buses as per legal advertisement published in the Waterford News.

1. Bids shall be accompanied by a Certified Check, Bidders Bond, or Cashier's Check in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid, made in favor of Waterford Unified School District, P.O. Box 270, Waterford, CA 95386.
2. Sealed proposals shall be submitted plainly marked School Bus Bid to the authorized agent of the Waterford Unified School District.
3. All proposals must be signed with the firm name and by a responsible officer or employee. Obligations assumed by such signature must be fulfilled.
4. Bid must be on form supplied by the District. All prices or notations must be typed or written in ink. Bids written with pencil will not be accepted. Verify all bids before submission, as they cannot be corrected after the proposals are opened. Oral or faxed bids will not be accepted.
5. All equipment not mentioned in the attached Specifications, but required by the rules and regulations of the California State Board of Education and the California Highway Patrol, shall be furnished.
6. All workmanship and materials shall be guaranteed against defects for a period of one year.
7. Any deviations from the attached specifications or substitution of units or materials shall be clearly indicated. Completed detailed specifications must accompany each bus proposal. Buses shall be integral construction, as fabricated by a single manufacturer, welded together so as to form a single unit. Body on chassis will not be accepted except on Type A1 models.
8. Alternate materials may be considered. The board of Trustees reserves the right to be sole judge of the merit and suitability of such material.
9. Piggyback/Cooperative Purchase Clause: Pursuant to Public Contract Code sections 20652 and 20118, the Waterford Unified School District may allow other public agencies in the State of California (Including, but not limited to Orange, San Diego, Riverside, Los Angeles, Monterey, Fresno and Santa Barbara counties) to purchase equipment and supplies under the same terms and conditions. The Waterford Unified School District waives its rights to require other Districts to draw their warrants in favor to this District and authorizes each District to make payment directly to the successful bidder. Waterford Unified School District waives any right to payment of reasonable fee as provided in Public Contract Code 20118.

BID BOND

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, A-Z Bus Sales, Inc.

of 1900 South Riverside Avenue, Colton, CA 92324 (hereinafter called the Principal),

as Principal, and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

(hereinafter called the Surety), as Surety are held and firmly bound unto Waterford Unified School District

12420 Bentley St., Waterford, CA 95386

(hereinafter called the Obligee) in the penal sum of 10% of Bid Amount -----

----- Dollars (\$ 10% of Bid Amount)

for the payment of which the Principal and the Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted or is about to submit a proposal to the Obligee on a contract for (2) AARE, (1) AAFE, (1) BBCV, (1) B2VC, (1) Collins School Buses

Bid Date: November 28, 2005

NOW, THEREFORE, If the said Contract be timely awarded to the Principal and the Principal shall, within such time as may be specified, enter into the Contract in writing, and give bond, if bond is required, with surety acceptable to the Obligee for the faithful performance of the said Contract, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed this 17th day of November, 2005

T. W. Jantzen
Witness

Rose Cusumano
Rose Cusumano
Witness

A-Z Bus Sales, Inc. (Seal)
Reynolds Vice President
Principal
Title

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
By B. Halthon
B. Halthon
Attorney-in-Fact

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

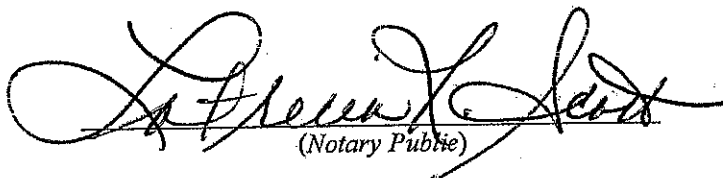
STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF WAYNE)

On this 17th day of November, 2005, before me personally came B. Halthon who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that she is an Attorney-in-Fact of Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America, and knows the corporate seal thereof; that the seal affixed to said annexed instrument is such corporate seal, and was thereto affixed by authority of the Power of Attorney of said Company, of which a Certified Copy is hereto attached, and that she signed said instrument as an Attorney-in-Fact of said Company by like authority.

*Acknowledged and Sworn to before me
on the date above written*

My Commission Expires

Latrece R. Scott
Notary Public, Wayne County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: March 17, 2011


(Notary Public)

IMPORTANT DISCLOSURE NOTICE OF TERRORISM INSURANCE COVERAGE

On November 26, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (the "Act"). The Act establishes a short-term program under which the Federal Government will share in the payment of covered losses caused by certain acts of international terrorism. We are providing you with this notice to inform you of the key features of the Act, and to let you know what effect, if any, the Act will have on your premium.

Under the Act, insurers are required to provide coverage for certain losses caused by international acts of terrorism as defined in the Act. The Act further provides that the Federal Government will pay a share of such losses. Specifically, the Federal Government will pay 90% of the amount of covered losses caused by certain acts of terrorism which is in excess of an insurer's statutorily established deductible for that year. The Act also caps the amount of terrorism-related losses for which the Federal Government or an insurer can be responsible at \$100,000,000,000.00, provided that the insurer has met its deductible.

Please note that passage of the Act does not result in any change in coverage under the attached policy or bond (or the policy or bond being quoted). Please also note that no separate additional premium charge has been made for the terrorism coverage required by the Act. The premium charge that is allocable to such coverage is inseparable from and imbedded in your overall premium, and is no more than one percent of your premium.

**TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY
Hartford, Connecticut 06183-9062**

POWER OF ATTORNEY AND CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF ATTORNEY(S)-IN-FACT

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY, corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and having their principal offices in the City of Hartford, County of Hartford, State of Connecticut, (hereinafter the "Companies") hath made, constituted and appointed, and do by these presents make, constitute and appoint: **Kathy L. Lide, Latrecia R. Scott, B. Halthon, of Detroit, Michigan,** their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, execute and acknowledge, at any place within the United States, the following instrument(s): by his/her sole signature and act, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking and any and all consents incident thereto and to bind the Companies, thereby as fully and to the same extent as if the same were signed by the duly authorized officers of the Companies, and all the acts of said Attorney(s)-in-Fact, pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This appointment is made under and by authority of the following Standing Resolutions of said Companies, which Resolutions are now in full force and effect:

VOTED: That the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her.

VOTED: That the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary.

VOTED: That any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary, or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority is signed and sealed by facsimile (mechanical or printed) under and by authority of the following Standing Resolution voted by the Boards of Directors of TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY, which Resolution is now in full force and effect:

VOTED: That the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY have caused this instrument to be signed by their Senior Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed this 21st day of June, 2004.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

}SS. Hartford

COUNTY OF HARTFORD

TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY



By

George W. Thompson
Senior Vice President

On this 21st day of June, 2004 before me personally came **GEORGE W. THOMPSON** to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he/she is Senior Vice President of **TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY** and **FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY**, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that he/she knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; and that he/she executed the said instrument on behalf of the corporations by authority of his/her office under the Standing Resolutions thereof.



My commission expires June 30, 2006 Notary Public
Marie C. Tetreault

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Vice President, Bond of **TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY** and **FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY**, stock corporations of the State of Connecticut, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Standing Resolutions of the Boards of Directors, as set forth in the Certificate of Authority, are now in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 17th day of November, 2005.



By

Dwight F. Miller
Vice President, Bond

10. Delivery shall be F.O.B. Waterford Transportation Department. Please specify estimated delivery date on the bid form.
11. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in the bids or in the bidding.
12. The sealed bids will be opened on November 28, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Waterford Unified School District office 12420 Bentley Street, Waterford, CA.
13. A fixed-price contract is required holding firm all pricing from the award of the contract until December 31, 2006. If mutually agreeable, the School District reserves the right to consider the extension of this contract for up to two additional, one-year periods. Time of such extension is to begin the day after the end of the initial term of this contract and will end a full one or two calendar years thereafter. In addition, the District reserves the right to further extend this contract to the full extend allowed by law. Factors that would influence the District in exercising this option would be satisfactory service being rendered by the holder of the contract and any increase in price caused by such extension to be a nominal amount and not excessive as measured by local market conditions. In the award of this bid renewal, the District will consider the amount of the price increase stated by the bidder as a factor and will compute accordingly. A price increase, if exercised, shall be fully justified by vendor and provided by a test of the market and/or submission of documents.